

**REMARKS****I. Response to Rejections under 35 USC § 103(a)**

At page 4 of the Office Action, claims 1-20 are rejected as being unpatentable over “GNU General Public License”, Version 2, June 1991, (hereinafter referred to as “GNU GPL”). However, the GNU GPL does not disclose, suggest, nor otherwise make obvious, a computing system that includes control logic in which “the control logic generates a potential license for the product according to a stored history of all component dependencies and product attributes”, as recited in amended independent claim 19. Further, the Applicants assert that the GNU GPL teaches away from this claim limitation.

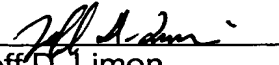
In GNU GPL, there is mention of “If identifiable sections of the work [that is the finished software product] are not derived from the program and can be reasonably considered independent and separate works in themselves, then this License, and its terms, do not apply to those sections when you distribute them as separate works” (see paragraph 5, under item 2C). Thus, the GNU GPL makes no mention of the generation of any license *other than* the GNU GPL. Thus, since the GNU GPL is the *only* license that can be applied to the finished software product, the GNU GPL teaches away from the use of control logic in which “the control logic generates a potential license for the product according to a stored history of all component dependencies and product attributes”, as recited in amended independent claim 19.

Accordingly, the Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections to the Applicants’ claim and pass the Application onto allowance.

**II. Additional Fees**

It is not believed that additional fees are due at this time; however, if any additional fee is required in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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